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Remarks To 19: Pls take the lead and serve as focal point in this effort. (You may want to convene a brief mtg just to see who all is interested/has some action.

To 5, 7, 8, 9: So many interests are affected here (tech transfer, US-SOV, Arms Control, Economic Summit, Space Technology, US-Ally relations, etc.) pls ensure necessary dissem is made w/in your Dirs and have interested/affected parties contact David Low (NIO/ECON)

Executive Secretary

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December 24, 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE GEORGE P. SHULTZ
The Secretary of State

SUBJECT: International Space Initiatives (U)

The President has asked that we capitalize on two upcoming events to pursue two major international space initiatives.
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First, the President believes the Strategic Stability Talks in Geneva next month would be an opportune occasion to renew our offer to the Soviet Union for a joint U.S./Soviet mission to develop space rescue techniques. You may recall that we made such an offer in January 1984 and while the Soviets did not reject the utility of such a mission, they placed higher priority on negotiation of an ASAT agreement. The Soviets may now be more willing to agree to a space rescue mission as a highly visible symbol of renewed U.S./Soviet cooperation in general and, more specifically, on the peaceful uses of outer space. Although this mission is not an arms control issue per se, discussions on this subject could hopefully assist in diverting attention from divisive issues and toward cooperative endeavors that would be mutually beneficial. We understand the mission would be technically simple (for example, docking of vehicles would not be required); nevertheless, the President would like to ensure that adverse technology transfer is avoided. As a final point, the President signed Senate Joint Resolution 236 on October 30, 1984, which indicates his commitment to energetic pursuit of Soviet agreement on a space rescue mission. (S)

The second initiative concerns the possibility of reaching agreement at the Bonn Economic Summit in May 1985 on a set of long-range goals for space. At the London Economic Summit, we invited our friends and allies to join us on the manned space station program and in the communique we agreed to report on this subject at the next summit. At Bonn, in addition to soliciting agreement on the space station program, we would place this specific program in the context of a set of broader long-range space goals such as those shown in the attachment. The President believes that such an initiative would serve U.S. interests by: (1) demonstrating, in a highly visible and forward-looking way, the unity of purpose that underpins the western alliance; (2) diverting foreign resources away from competitive space projects and toward cooperative ones; (3) enabling the achievement of goals that would not otherwise be

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possible if only U.S. resources were applied; and (4) indicating that the U.S. has a balanced U.S. Space Program which stresses the importance of the peaceful uses of outer space. If you concur, I recommend we remove both the space station and long-range goals items from the economic agenda at Bonn and place them under the political agenda where they more appropriately reside. (S)

I have asked Gil Rye of the NSC Staff to work with your staff in pursuing these two initiatives. (U)


Robert C. McFarlane

Attachment
Proposed Long-Range Space Goals

cc The Secretary of Defense
The Director of Central Intelligence ✓
The Administrator of NASA

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LONG-RANGE SPACE GOALS

- Foster and promote the mastery of advanced technologies essential to progress and prosperity;
- Expand human knowledge and imagination so as to bolster innovation, and continually renew the inquisitive spirit;
- Strengthen Free World capabilities by providing experience and jointly managing large and complex programs;
- Demonstrate the ability to work cooperatively together in productive and peaceful pursuits as a symbol of Free World unity;
- Expand the application of space-divised techniques and products to the objective of economic and social development;
- Increase the role of private industry in the development and utilization of space systems.